

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 797

HOUSE BILL NO. 2934

**By Representatives McCormick, Coley, Jim Cobb, Favors, Matheny,
Sherry Jones, Coleman, Shepard, Hensley**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2881

By Senators Watson, Ketron, Marrero, Berke

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 32, Part 1, relative to donation of blood by minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-32-101(a), is amended by deleting in its entirety the first sentence of subdivision (2)(A) and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Notwithstanding provisions of this section to the contrary, any person under sixteen (16) years of age may be accepted as a blood donor when a medical necessity exists within the person's immediate family.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-32-101(a), is amended by deleting in its entirety the language of subdivision (2)(B) and by substituting instead the following language:

(B) In order to donate, any person under sixteen (16) years of age must have written consent of the person's parent or guardian and written consent of the person's personal physician dated within two (2) weeks of the date of donation.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-32-101(a), is amended by deleting in its entirety the language of subdivision (3)(A) and by substituting instead the following language:

(A) Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, a person under sixteen (16) years of age may provide autologous blood donations. Such donations shall require the written consent of the donor's parent or guardian and the written consent of the person's personal physician dated within two (2) weeks of date of donation.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-32-101, is amended by inserting the following language as new subsection (b) and by redesignating the present language accordingly:

(b) Any person sixteen (16) years of age or older, subject to the restrictions and provisions of this section, is acceptable as a blood donor; provided, that any person sixteen (16) years of age shall be accepted as a blood donor on a voluntary basis only and the person has the written consent of the person's parent or guardian.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 10, 2008


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY, SPEAKER
SENATE OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2008


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR